

Appl. No. 09/883,375
Response dated August 25, 2004
Reply to Office action of June 25, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant provisionally elects Group II, the claims readable thereon being claims 16-26, which are drawn to methods of treating fibrosis. This is without prejudice to Applicant filing a divisional application to the Groups I and III inventions.

Applicant further elects the peptide STMMSRSHKTRSHH as the species for prosecution if the generic claims are not held allowable. The claims readable on the species election are claims 16, 19, 21, 24 and 26.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee (including any claim fee) which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 02-2095.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, we respectfully submit that the application is in order for allowance and early indication of that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in greater detail, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (416) 957-1682 at her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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